

**REMARKS**

Claims 9 and 15-19 are presently pending in the captioned application with claims 1-8 and 10-14 deleted without disclaimer or prejudice as to the subject matter contained therein and new claims 15-19 have been added.


Claims 15-19 correspond to claims 29, 37, 45, 53 and 61, respectively of the parent application, which were subject to restriction in the parent application as Group II claims drawn to a photochromic material comprising an ultraviolet-ray stabilizer. Accordingly, claims 9 and 15-19 are pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Please amend the following claims according to the proposed revision of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 concerning a manner for making claim amendments.

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Original) A photochromic material containing an ultraviolet-ray stabilizer.

Claims 10-14 (Canceled)

15. (New) A photochromic optical material containing the photochromic material of claim 9.

16. (New) The photochromic optical material of claim 15 obtained by dispersing the photochromic material in a high-molecular matrix.

17. (New) The photochromic optical material of claim 16 wherein the high-molecular matrix has a Rockwell hardness of 80-120.

18. (New) A photochromic curable composition containing the photochromic material of claim 9 and a polymerizable monomer.

19. (New) A photochromic lens obtained by laminating a layer containing the photochromic material of claim 9 on at least one surface of the lens.